

LETTER FROM GEN. ROBERTSON

St. Louis, May 6, 1877.

Thinking some of the items of news here might be of interest to the readers of the BANNER, I am writing you a few lines, resuming that in reading in it and other Texas papers of the bright skies and sunny spring weather you are enjoying, contrasts very favorably with the cold, cloudy, rainy weather we have had here for the past month, and are still having, makes me anxious to return.

This city is now busy and active, the spring business having fairly set in. The Texas-Russia war has caused quite an excitement in the grain market here. The price of wheat has gone up to \$2.40 per bushel, and other grains in proportion. All other grains, including corn, have gone up in a like ratio. Flour \$1.50 a barrel.

Some experience men that this season will not hold long.

But my main object in writing is to give you the price of vegetables in this market. Irish potatoes are worth \$7.50 per bushel. Beets five dollars a bushel.

Tomatoes five dollars a bushel, holding about a peck and a half. Strawberries, I did not learn the wholesale price of, but they are retailing here at forty cents a peck, holding about three table-spoons. English peas, six dollars a bushel, and all other spring vegetables at proportionate rates. All that is in this market yet, comes from the South, and car loads are beginning to come from Texas.

I am told by the merchants in the business, that fifty car loads could readily be sold here each week. They are receiving orders from Indianapolis, Cleveland and other points north, for car loads of vegetables. It is to be remembered that Chicago is a consumer to an equal extent with this city, and that hundreds of cities and towns in the States north and west of this place, would be consumers of your vegetables, if they could get them. Some idea of the extent of this early spring vegetable trade may be formed when the extent of country to be supplied is taken into account, and when it is remembered that no sooner is this spring trade over than your early fruits begin to come in, for which there will be equally as good and ready a market.

The proximity of Texas will give her control of this vegetable and fruit trade, if her people will use the proper exertions to command it.

J. R. ROBERTSON,

St. Louis, Mo.

There is no such thing in the markets as Texas leather, but it is the fault of the Texas people. If there is an article that can be manufactured cheaply in that State it is leather, the process of tanning is simple and inexpensive, requiring neither large capital nor peculiar skill. The myriads of long-horned cattle that graze on the vast prairies of the State, and the sun-dried oak that abound, supply the chief requirements of the business; and all that the people of Texas need to do is to furnish the labor and direct it intelligently to the production of an article, the demand for which is steadily increasing, and the prices of which is not likely to decline below the cost of making it. Leather ought to be, and we doubt not, can be made at less cost in Texas than anywhere else in this country; the extensive production of it would furnish paying employment to a large population, and afford a pleasant diversity to the monotonous cotton-growing that is now the chief occupation of the people, and it might be that the business would ultimately lead to the general manufacture of leather products—one of the most profitable of industries.

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